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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the July Peach Survey. Peach production is reported for Idaho, selected states, and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at [nass-id@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-id@nass.usda.gov) or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Vince Matthews  
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### Idaho 2010 Peach Production Forecast

Idaho is expecting a 2010 peach crop of 8,000 tons, down 13 percent from last year but unchanged from 2008.

The United States peach production forecast is 1.13 million tons, up 2 percent from 2009. Fourteen of the twenty-three Freestone peach estimating States expect increases in production from last year, while six States decreased their production from the previous season, and three States showed no change.

Freestone production, at 707,090 tons, is up 11 percent from last season. The California Clingstone crop is forecast at 420,000 tons, up 2 percent from the June 1 forecast but 10 percent below the 2009 crop. The crop experienced an adequate number of chilling hours for tree requirements. Full bloom, on a statewide basis, was declared on March 9, six days later than in 2009. This season's bloom was not as strong as last year and occurred over a longer period of time.

The California Freestone crop is forecast at 355,000 tons, down 3 percent from the June 1 forecast but 1 percent above the 2009 crop. Bloom started out quickly but was slowed due to cool spring temperatures. Lack of warm weather resulted in pollination problems. Hail damage affected various growing areas throughout the spring. Harvest continued during June with June Flame, Country Sweet, Earlich, and Rich Lady the major varieties harvested.

The South Carolina peach crop is forecast at 120,000 tons, unchanged from the June 1 forecast but up 60 percent from 2009. The month of June was unseasonably warm and very dry, which limited peach size. Georgia's peach crop is forecast at 40,000 tons, down 5 percent from the June 1 forecast but 25 percent above 2009. The crop has been rated mostly excellent this season and, if realized, will be the largest crop since 2006.

In New Jersey, the winter and spring weather was very favorable. Trees began blooming earlier than usual. Adequate rainfall and thinning has contributed to good crop sizing. Harvest of early varieties is underway. Production is forecasted at last year's level of 35,000 tons. Pennsylvania peach growers anticipate harvesting 21,900 tons this season, a 22 percent decrease from a year ago. Some counties were affected by a late frost as well as spring hail storms. Harvest is expected to begin 7 - 10 days ahead of normal.

Michigan's fresh and processing peach crop, forecasted at 14,600 tons, is down 15 percent from a year ago. Spring freeze damage reduced this year's crop overall potential; however, some areas have reported an excellent crop.

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**Peaches: Total Production by Type, State and United States,  
2008 – 2009 and Forecasted 2010**

State	2008	2009	2010
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Alabama	7,000	4,500	7,000
Arkansas	4,400	1,500	4,500
California Freestone	433,000	350,000	355,000
Colorado	14,000	13,000	14,000
Connecticut	1,200	1,300	1,200
Georgia	28,000	32,000	40,000
Idaho	8,000	9,200	8,000
Illinois	8,730	8,210	9,600
Maryland	3,480	3,800	3,890
Massachusetts	1,650	1,800	1,800
Michigan	14,000	17,200	14,600
Missouri	6,100	4,800	6,500
New Jersey	34,000	35,000	35,000
New York	5,500	6,500	6,200
North Carolina	5,600	4,200	6,600
Ohio	6,600	2,560	5,500
Pennsylvania	21,200	27,900	21,900
South Carolina	60,000	75,000	120,000
Texas	7,900	4,900	13,000
Utah	5,000	5,800	4,000
Virginia	5,200	5,800	6,500
Washington	16,800	14,500	17,000
West Virginia	5,600	5,300	5,300
California Clingstone	426,000	469,000	420,000
United States	1,135,310	1,103,770	1,127,090

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